

Lack of Impressiveness in Athletics' Playing Revived by Showing Against All-Stars

WORK OF MACK'S MEN IS UNSATISFACTORY

No Good Reason Why Catchers Should Not Throw Their Best—Drawbacks to Johnson Pitching Here Tomorrow—Corriden's Talk.

By THOMAS S. RICE.

When the Philadelphia Athletics last played in Washington we ventured the humble opinion that they did not look a whole lot like as powerful an organization as their record showed. It was difficult to define the exact reason why this feeling should overtake a well-wisher of the Athletics. It was a sort of hunch, maybe, but somehow it stuck, and the opinion voiced in this column were adopted by our esteemed Washington contemporaries and a number of other baseball writers. After that the Athletics got busy again and ran their winning up to 102 games for the season, making a league record. That should have been convincing, but it was not, and the Cubs have remained favorites in the betting by a small margin, despite the showing of their rivals and the injury to Evers.

Still, we wish our b. b. team was as good as the Athletics.

Now come the exhibitions between the Athletics and the All-Stars, and in the two played so far the work of the Athletics has been keenly disappointing. They have not shown great prowess with the bat, their fielding has not been phenomenal, and the catchers have been unable to stop base stealing. Five bases were stolen in the first game by the All-Stars. Some Philadelphia scores give the Stars four yesterday, and some give six. Anyhow, there were entirely too many thefts to make an American League enthusiast feel unduly elated, as has been pointed out by a morning contemporary.

Getting colder and colder as the world's series approaches.

The point to the base stealing is this: While it might be reasoned that the Athletics were taking no chances of having their legs broken at this time like Johnny Evers, no possible excuse can be found for the kind of the Athletics' catchers to throw out runners. After working steadily all season the possibility of injuring themselves by a chuck to second would be so remote as not to be considered. If they are not stopping the wild rampaging of Cobb, Milan, and other stars it is because they cannot and that grieves us beyond measure, for the best trick of the Cubs is expected to be running wild on the bases. Ira Thomas is not a wonderfully good catcher, but he is not the worst in the world, and the fans are surprised to see the parade around the paths in Philadelphia by his opponents in the practice series.

Cobb and Milan can steal on most

anybody, but Eddie Ahnsmith had no trouble stopping Eddie Collins and Ty Cobb.

The two teams will play here tomorrow, and it must be beyond the realm of fancy to expect the Athletics to be excited about it far beyond the ordinary exhibition game. The sentiment here is for the Athletics, first, last, and all the time; but the betting in Washington is around 10 to 8 and 5 to 5, with the Cubs favorites, and little money risked either way. Walter Johnson is billed to pitch against the Athletics tomorrow, which should put them under a handicap. They are not likely to get on bases very plentifully and show what they can do in the matter of stealing. As for batting, they are not going to face any such terrific speed as his in the series with the Cubs; hence the chance tomorrow to make hits and make them count will be lessened; but Topsy has the great saving quality of never, and that goes a long way in the big games.

If Oldring has a wrenched knee, the chances of his playing in the world's series will be exceedingly slim. If Topsy Hartshorn plays the outfield, the batting strength will be lessened; but Topsy has the great saving quality of never, and that goes a long way in the big games.

Umpire Bill Evans now says Lajoie was in no wise responsible for the alleged lay-down by which he got eight hits in St. Louis on Sunday. Yet Bill has been quoted as saying the pitchers deliberately ground the ball for Larry. The inference seems to be that adopted by most of the sporting writers, to wit: Lajoie saw his opportunity to make hits and made them, without stopping to inquire whether he was receiving assistance from the opposing players. He hit Lajoie coming straight over the plate, and he poked out bunts, when he saw Corriden playing third away out on the grass. Corriden is to tell his story to San Johnson, but he will make the same pitiful yelp he has made before, that he was afraid of getting hurt by Larry's drives and nothing definite will be proved. The only hope is that Corriden, knowing he is doomed in St. Louis, and in the major leagues for all time, may tell who advised him to play back to avoid injury from Lajoie. If he did receive such advice or orders, the inquiry may produce real results.

The talk about Hedges dropping Manager Jack O'Connor, because of the Lajoie incident is all in your eye. O'Connor has been a failure as a manager this year and was to lose his job. The idea will be to have the hook to O'Connor, who was going to get it whether or not the team helped Lajoie, then claim credit for firing a man who may or may not have been responsible for the alleged frame-up. It is always well to look at these virtuous declarations from both sides.

EXPECT ACQUITTAL FOR ST. LOUIS MAN

Look For Clean Bill to Be Returned for Manager O'Connor.

ST. LOUIS, Oct. 13.—A new manager for the St. Louis Browns next season is being discussed today by St. Louis fans and scribes as the result of the scandal arising out of the questionable padding of Lajoie's batting average in Sunday's doubleheader when the Nap leader made eight hits out of eight times at bat and thereby beat Cobb for the national batting honors and won an automobile prize.

It looks as though a clean bill would be returned against all concerned in the alleged frame-up, but it is being insisted nevertheless, that the good of the game demands a successor to Manager O'Connor.

It is probable, too, that Third Baseman Corriden, who let Lajoie "get away" with six of his eight hits, will be sold or traded, as he will never be a popular player in St. Louis after his admission that he was afraid to play in close for Lajoie.

Baseball Briefs

The same rules will apply to the New York post-season series as to the world's series.

Judge "Mickey" Bowen, the new president of the South Michigan League, who succeeds Joe Jackson, is an enthusiastic bowler.

The Cubs will play the St. Louis Cardinals every day this week except Friday.

The time of the New York-Boston American League first game on Saturday was exactly one hour and twelve minutes.

Johnny Evers, the injured Cub player, is out of the hospital.

Pitcher Camnitz has played his last game with the Pittsburgh Pirates and a deal is under way to transfer him to another club.

Dave Altizer, who was once with the Washington and Chicago clubs of the American League, is fielding in sweet style at short for the Cincinnati Reds.

Daniels, Wolter, and Cree will be the New York American League club's outfield next year. Hemphill is slated for substitute duty.

"Babe" Adams, the Pittsburgh pitcher, intends to take a long rest this winter.

The New York Highlanders certainly did well under Manager Chase during the past two weeks.

Frank Bancroft is booking a schedule for the Red Barnstormers, who will go up the Ohio river as far as Hot Springs, Va., starting immediately after the Cleveland series is finished. This team consists of twelve players, including the regular infield and outfield, with Downey at shortstop, McLean and Clarke as catchers, and Gaspar, Rowan, and Coveleskie as pitchers. The names of these players will be formally presented to President Herrmann for his favorable action.

NEW YORK EXCITED ABOUT ITS SERIES

Crowd of 40,000 Looked For At Polo Grounds This Afternoon.

NEW YORK, Oct. 13.—Perfect weather and the prospect of championship sport indicated early today that a multitude of about 40,000 persons would crowd the stand and bleachers at the Polo Grounds this afternoon for the opening of the baseball duel between the New York National and American League teams. The probable batting order as announced this morning was:

Giants—Devore, left field; Doyle, second base; Snodgrass, center field; Murray, right field; Bridwell, shortstop; Devlin, third base; Merkle, first base; Myers, catcher; Mathewson or Drucker, pitcher.

Yankees—Daniels, left field; Wolter, right field; Chase, first base; Knight, shortstop; Laporte, second base; Cree, center field; Austin, third base; Sweeney, catcher; Ford or Vaughn, pitcher.

For years Manhattan fans have longed to see a post-season series between its two representatives in the big leagues. The last step in the arrangements was taken this morning, when President John T. Brush, of the Giants, and President Farrell, of the Yankees, each deposited \$10,000 with President Lynch, of the National League, representing the national commission.

Here are the points in the series: Stake—Championship of New York and a percentage of receipts. Division of receipts—National Commission, 10 per cent; players, 40 per cent of 90 per cent of the first four games; 60 per cent of the players' share to the winners and 40 per cent to the losers, balance to club owners.

Place—First and third games on Polo Grounds; second and fourth on Highlanders' grounds; fifth, if necessary, at Polo Grounds; sixth, at Highlanders' park; and seventh to be decided by lot.

Length of series—Until one team has won four games. Strength of teams—Giants' batting average, .296; Highlanders, .247; fielding, Giants, .954; Highlanders, .957. Probable pitchers for opening game—Mathewson and Ford, with .733 and .812 percentages of victories for the season, respectively—10 to 8 on Giants.

BENNETT TEAM WINS

The Bennett duck team defeated the Nationals Wednesday night, two out of three games. Ricketts was high man with 123 and an average of .323 for the set.

Results of Yesterday's Football Games

At Gallaudet—Central, 6; Gallaudet, 2.

At Georgetown—Preps, 11; Business, 0.

At Tenleytown—Cathedral, 5; Western, 0.

At Eastern—Eastern High, 10; Gonzaga, 0.

ATHLETICS EASY FOR ALL-STARS

Losers Weakened By Injuries, But Not Impressive Anyhow.

PHILADELPHIA, Oct. 13.—Connie Mack's baseball machine running without two of its regular cogs, another in a new position and a bit "rusty," as the mechanics would say, was outdistanced yesterday afternoon by Jim McAlleer's All-Star nine in the second of a series of five sprints.

Errors afield did much toward the undoing of good pitching by a Philadelphia trio of flingers, and the final returns gave the combination of American League headliners the honors, 5 to 1.

Rube Oldring, Jack Barry and Bris Lord, of the regulars, were not in the game, and their absence was keenly felt. Captain Harry Davis tried his hand in center field, while Ben Houser played at the first-base post.

The Shibe Park performers can defeat the best team any club of the Ban Johnson league put on the field, but the champions have yet to prove to their admirers that they can beat a collection of players picked from the league ranks. With their forces augmented by Tyrus Cobb, the sterling outfielder, fleet-footed base runner, and hard-hitting Georgian, backed by the grand pitching of Ed Walsh, who has figured in world's series in Chicago, the All-Stars made somewhat of a run-away of it. Five errors were made by Mack players.

Collins' Triple Saves 'Em.

"Big Ed" allowed only six hits, and was so careful when an athlete wearing the big "A" clouted safely that he did not allow a Mack player to reach second base until the ninth inning, when Eddie Collins saved the champions from a shut-out by bouncing a three-bagger off the right field wall. In only one inning did Walsh allow more than one hit—the seventh—when two men poled into safe territory. But the first man to connect safely was caught at second. Ty Cobb's stickwork played a leading part in the offensive work of the All-Stars. The Detroit player contributed two doubles and a single and scored two runs himself.

Loose work in the field added the defeat of the House of Mack. Bender, Plank, and Coombs, Mack's reliable pitching trio, were not to be denied good records in the box, though they were forced to face a combination of the hardest hitters wearing the uniform. Bender went through three innings allowing only one hit. Plank gave three hits in many sessions. Ragged fielding back of the big Gettysburg southpaw allowed three runs during his term of office.

Jack Coombs worked in the final three periods. Coombs retired the Stars in rotation in the three innings without hit or run. The ninth saw Jawn weaken. Four hits, including a triple and double, resulted in two runs, bringing the total to five.

No Trouble To Steal.

Twice the All-Stars worked the double steal, and each time a runner scored from third.

Up until the fifth inning there was little doing in the hit and run line, neither team having registered at the plate. Each side had but one hit. Things broke in the fifth, when two runs scored for the Stars. Cobb opened with a double to left and stole third.

Stahl was hit. Cobb and Stahl worked the steal, double, and stole home, scoring from third. On Lapp's throw back from third, Stahl went to third. After two were down, Walsh reached first by a foul ball. Double steal was worked, Stahl scoring.

McAlleer's men scored again in the sixth. Murphy led off with a single for three bases. Elberfeld's long fly to Davis scored Lord. Two more runs came in the ninth. Elberfeld tripled to center. Cobb laced a double in the same direction. Elberfeld scoring. Cobb took third on Stahl's fly to Murphy, and scored on McBride's single. McBride then stole second and third, but died there.

The score:

All Americans	AB	R	H	PO	A	E
Milan, 1b	4	1	0	2	0	0
Lord, 2b	4	1	0	2	0	0
Speaker, cf	3	0	0	2	0	0
Elberfeld, 3b	2	1	2	5	0	1
Cobb, 1b	4	2	1	1	0	0
Stahl, 1b	3	1	0	13	2	0
McBride, ss	4	0	1	1	4	0
Sullivan, c	2	0	0	2	1	0
Walsh, p	2	0	0	1	2	0
Totals	31	5	7	27	19	0

Athletics	AB	R	H	PO	A	E
Hartel, 1b	4	0	0	2	0	2
Houser, 1b	4	0	1	6	0	0
Collins, 2b	4	1	1	1	1	0
Baker, 3b	4	0	1	3	0	1
Davis, cf	4	0	1	3	0	1
Murphy, rf	3	0	1	3	1	1
McInnis, ss	3	0	0	2	2	1
Lapp, c	2	0	0	2	1	1
Bender, p	0	0	0	0	1	0
Plank, p	1	0	0	0	0	0
Combs, p	1	0	0	0	2	0
Thomas, p	1	0	0	0	2	0
Totals	31	1	6	27	10	7

All Americans.....0 0 0 2 1 0 0 2-3

Athletics.....0 0 0 0 0 0 0 1-1

Left on bases—All Americans, 4; Athletics, 4. Bases on balls—Off Walsh, 1; off Coombs, 1; off Plank, 1. Struck out—By Walsh, 2; by Bender, 1; by Plank, 2; by Coombs, 2. Three-base hits—Collins, Elberfeld. Two-base hits—Cobb, Sacrifice hit—Elberfeld. Stolen bases—Stahl, 2; McBride, Walsh. Double plays—Murphy to Lapp; Elberfeld to Stahl. Hit by pitcher—By Bender, 1; by Plank, 1. Wild pitch—Coombs. Umpires—Messrs. Egan and Dineen. Time of game—1 hour and 22 minutes.

COLLEGIATE TENNIS TOURNAMENT STARTS

TORONTO, Ontario, October 13.—The annual tournament for the championship of the Canadian Intercollegiate Lawn Tennis Association began today on Queen's University courts, and, judging by the list of entrants, it is expected to be one of the best ever held under the auspices of the association. The program covers two days and provides for singles, doubles, and team championships. The contestants will include the pick of the experts of McGill University, Toronto University, and R. M. C.

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CAPTAIN DALY.

Mack Says Poor Showing in Exhibitions Proves Little

PHILADELPHIA, Oct. 13.—"No one should let his faith in the Athletics be weakened by the team's defeats at the hands of the picked team with which they have been practicing this week," declared yesterday old Connie Mack today. "My team is not trying very hard to win these practice games and the men are taking no risk of injury. We are simply trying to keep limbered up."

Mack also announced today that Rube Oldring, the great centerfielder of the Athletics, will be in shape for the world's championship series. Rube twisted his knee a few days ago and has been giving it a much needed rest. He could play today if his services were required, according to Mack.

RESERVED SEATS HAVE BEEN SOLD

Demand for World's Series Tickets Far In Excess of Supply.

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., Oct. 13.—The National Commission last night officially announced that all reserved seats for the first two world's series championship games at Shibe Park had been disposed of under the mail order system adopted, and the work of returning the applications of those who were unfortunate enough not to have secured seats will begin at once. The National Commission has nothing but praise for Philadelphia baseball patrons for the hearty manner in which they have responded to this new method of handling an advance sale, and for the efficient manner in which the details were handled by the Athletic officials. Thousands of inquiries are being received by local officials as to what other seats are to be placed on sale, and the commission announces that the mail order sale covered but a small portion of the seats at Shibe Park and there are still approximately 20,000, giving a perfect view of the field, which will not be placed on sale until the day of each game. These seats will be sold only at the park.

PITTSBURG FANS CAN'T GET TICKETS

PITTSBURGH, Oct. 12.—At 10 o'clock last night, Walter Harrington, who had arranged to take two special trains to the opening baseball game of the world's championship series in Philadelphia, issued a notice that all was off, and that the money which had been paid by hundreds of Pittsburgh "fans" would be returned. Mr. Harrington received word tonight that no tickets were left, and that the application for seats had been returned.

HARVARD ELEVEN GET HARD PRACTICE

CAMBRIDGE, Mass., Oct. 13.—The Crimson football squad was put through a furious period of practice today in order to make up for yesterday's poor showing, when the second team scored on the varsity squad with apparent ease. Corbett was in the scrimmaging, but showed lack of practice. It was reported that Lewis would be taken off the B team and given a place on the varsity squad.

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CORRIDEN TO TELL HIS SIDE OF CASE, YALE SENDS CALL FOR WALTER CAMP

Both Johnson Will Listen, But Nothing Much Likely to Happen.

CHICAGO, Oct. 13.—Unless Third Baseman Corriden, of the St. Louis Browns, who arrived here today to give his testimony in the Cobb-Lajoie batting mix-up, throws a deep shadow over Lajoie's side of the question, it is probable that American League President Ban Johnson will decide that Larry's eight hits were earned at St. Louis.

Furthermore, if the automobile company which offered the prize for the league's heavy stickler will withdraw its machine, Johnson will recommend that the American League present both Cobb and Lajoie with automobiles, or something of equal value.

Before resuming his investigation of the St. Louis "scandal" today, Johnson made the following statement: "It has been a remarkable contest between Cobb and Lajoie, and I believe both men worked manfully and honestly for the prize. They are not under suspicion in this investigation. The race has been so close that the indications are the official figures will show their final averages nearly tied."

OUTLAW'S BACKER HAS BACKED UP

Jeff Livingstone Says There's Nothing Doing With Fletcher's League.

CHICAGO, Ill., Oct. 13.—Chicago baseball fans have been frightened and amused all at the same time within the last twenty-four hours.

Following the report from Cincinnati that D. A. Fletcher, promoter of the third minor ball league, asserted he had signed twelve Cub players, Jeff Livingstone came along today with a statement here that he was in no way interested in Fletcher's big league.

Livingstone, who is a Cincinnati capitalist, backed Fletcher's claims for a post-season series of games between all stars.

"I am not in favor of the third league and never have been," said Livingstone. "Such a proposition is almost impossible, as there are not enough players in the country to supply sixteen clubs, and if there were it would take \$5,000,000 to finance such an enterprise. Since it is evident that Livingstone is not interested, the fans here are wondering where Fletcher planned to get the \$500,000 he offered to bet Charles Murphy yesterday that he could produce the signed contracts of twelve Cubs."

GEORGETOWN PREPS PLAY CLEVER GAME

Hilltoppers Use Straight Football Against Business High and Win.

Yesterday the Business High School aggregation went down to defeat at the hands of the Georgetown Preps on the latter's field by the score of six to two.

The game was for the most part played in the old style of football. In the first quarter neither team scored. In the second quarter, however, after vain attempts to cross the downtown boys' goal by means of end runs and line bucks, Marum tossed the sphere to Galvin, who carried the ball fifteen yards for the first touchdown of the game.

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Veteran's Advice Needed on Account of Green Football Material.

NEW HAVEN, Conn., Oct. 13.—As a result of a message from the Yale football management to Walter Camp, Yale's athletic adviser and football authority, who is in Seattle, to return as possible to give his services, and advice to the coaches, Coy and Captain Daly, word was received here today that Mr. Camp would come to New Haven next week.

The development of the Yale team this year has been slower than usual, and with the large amount of green material out of which to mold the eleven Mr. Camp's presence is needed to instill into the football mints of the candidates a better knowledge of the new rules and to teach them technical plays possible under the regulations of 1910. Mr. Camp's Western trip will be cut short nearly three weeks.

Yesterday afternoon the Yale varsity and freshmen teams went through an interesting practice game. The varsity winning 17 to 6. It was the opinion that had the officials inflicted the penalties they should have the freshmen would have at least tied the university team.

National League Club Standings

Yesterday's Results.
Boston, 9; Brooklyn, 2.
Boston, 3; Brooklyn, 2.
Chicago, 12; St. Louis, 2.
Games Today.
Philadelphia at Brooklyn.

Standing of the Clubs.	W.	L.	Pct.
Chicago	12	0	.60
New York	9	0	.50
Pittsburgh	8	0	.45
Philadelphia	7	0	.41
Cincinnati	5	0	.29
Brooklyn	4	0	.20
St. Louis	2	0	.11
Boston	1	0	.06

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